

1846-1848

In the Mexican War, Robert E. Lee's engineering experience was used by General Winfield Scott in reconnaissance on his campaign from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. It was dangerous work in enemy country, ahead of the army, searching for routes and planning advances. He found

a path through the mountains around  
the heavily fortified pass of Cerro Gordo.  
They were victorious.

Close to Mexico City, Lee found route  
through trackless lava beds that the  
Mexicans had left unfortified as  
impassable and Gen. Scott reported.  
"The brilliant victory of CONTRERAS  
on the following morning was made  
possible by Captain Lee's services that  
night."

Dec. 25, 1846

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## BRAZITO

During 1846 the Americans took steps to get possession of New Mexico and California.

By Aug. 19, 1846 Santa Fe and all surrounding territory had been taken. With a regiment of

Americans, Colonel DONIPHAN was sent south to join WOOL.  
On Dec 25, 1846, an Army

of Mexicans led by General Ponce de Leon  
met the Americans at the Brazito  
river, a tributary of the Rio Grande.  
A short but obstinate fight  
ensued which resulted in the  
decisive flight of the Mexicans.

1846

U.S. war with Mexico

June 14, 1846

### Bear Flag Revolt

Californian settlers ~~to~~ headed  
by Capt. John C. Fremont (Jan 21, 1813 -  
July 13, 1890) revolted against  
Mexican rule and declared  
the Republic of California  
(Bear Flag Republic)

1846

Poland Lithuania

Jess Hunt

Montefiore visited Russia

1846

England

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minor disabilities removed.



Oct. 1846 - Jan 1847

Donner party  
American emigrants on route  
to California trapped in the snow  
in Sierra Nevada, half of whom  
survived by cannibalism.

June 14, 1846

A group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma  
proclaimed the Republic of  
California.

May 8, 1846

The 1<sup>st</sup> major battle of the Mexican war was fought at Palo Alto, TX resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

July 7, 1846

U.S. Annexation of California was  
proclaimed at Monterey after the  
surrender of a Mexican garrison

May 13, 1846

The United States declared that  
a state of war already existed  
against Mexico.